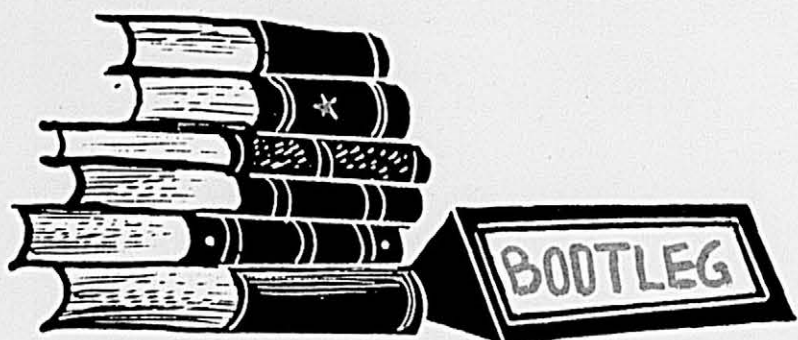


Senate bans bootleg libraries



BY JOSEPH MONAHAN

In secret, unknown to the average undergraduate, many departments are harbouring stashes of books.

Some of these informal libraries are funded out of departmental budgets, and the Senate has voted to stop this.

But some claim that a combination of secrecy and bureaucratic difficulty will make this ban impossible.

Some departments finance these bootleg libraries out of their own budgets, buying books, journals, and even employing their graduate assistants as librarians. Because each department is responsible for its own budget, central authorities have no

records of the funding nor the existence of these "study rooms".

The departments prefer that the collections remain secret. Professor Diane Desrosiers-Bonin, responsible for the French Department's study room, feared that publicity in the *Daily* might make too many people aware of its existence.

But Professor Jean-Pierre Duquette, said that he did not feel the senate ban endangered the small study room, "All of the books we have are the gifts of professors, we do not have journals, and it is open to everyone. It was intended for and is used particularly by the students."

But most of these collections are not open to undergraduates. Michael

Dubow, professor of Microbiology, defended this policy which his department's study room employs. He said his department's collection is for professors and graduate students who often work many blocks away from the central libraries.

"The major libraries are often inconvenient — I'd like to know how often people make this walk to the central library."

Economics professor Myron Frankman is contemptuous of this attitude.

"I don't have much sympathy for students or faculty who can't walk two or three blocks," he told Senate.

Frankman thinks it's unfair to divert money to libraries that aren't accessible to all staff and students at McGill, particularly in light of the current underfunding of the library system.

"Professors in my department will tell you that the study room is a necessity for a good Economics department," said Frankman. "If the professors had their way, they would decentralize the whole library system, eliminating the central library. As for the undergrads — 'Be

damned!'"

Frankman said the informal libraries were poorly organized and almost never catalogued.

"It would help if at least material unique to these libraries was on the MUSE system, but that might imply that there was some control over the books," he said.

Frankman said professors often take materials and forget to return them. When asked if he knew which departments had study rooms, he said "They are all over the place."

No one claimed that the money going to these secret collections could be diverted back to the central libraries. But many said that the underfunded central library, currently receiving a mere 4.3 per cent of the McGill budget, should be better funded and that the individual departments ought to be more efficient.

The Senate voted last week to increase the portion of the budget going to libraries.

Just how the ban will be carried out is uncertain. Law Professor John Durnford, who chaired the Senate committee on libraries, which proposed the ban, said it was up to vice-principal academic William Leggett to enforce it.

But Associate vice-principal Fumiko Ikawa-Smith told the *Daily* it was not her job, that she knew nothing about these secret libraries, and that it was up to the individual departments to enforce the ban.

Frankman said that it was up to individual departments, and he was pessimistic about whether they would take the ban seriously.

"My bet is that they will not carry it out," said Frankman.

Protesters plan shoe-in



Mazankowski gets the boot

BY ADRIANA BARTON

This Wednesday protesters will dump hundreds of old shoes in Finance Minister Don Mazankowski's office in Ottawa to protest cuts to social housing.

Mazankowski's December 2 mini-budget announced cuts to construction of new low-income housing programs by 10 per cent in 1993 and an additional 20 per cent in 1994. Cut-backs for new housing

co-ops have been in effect since 1989. By 1994 the cut-backs will amount to 67 per cent.

According to Francois Saillant, coordinator of the group organizing the protest, the Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU), Mazankowski's reason for the cuts was lack of government funds.

But Saillant disagrees with Mazankowski's reasoning.

"Lack of funds is not the fact. At

the same time as he cuts these programs, he continues to tax shelter the wealthy."

Saillant gave as an example the tax exemption for profits from selling one's own home.

"It's a lot of money. Taxing only a little part of this gain, the government could subsidize a larger part of social housing. But this isn't the choice they are making."

A striking case of this tax shelter is the \$600 000 tax-free profit made by former Liberal Party Leader John Turner on the sale of his home.

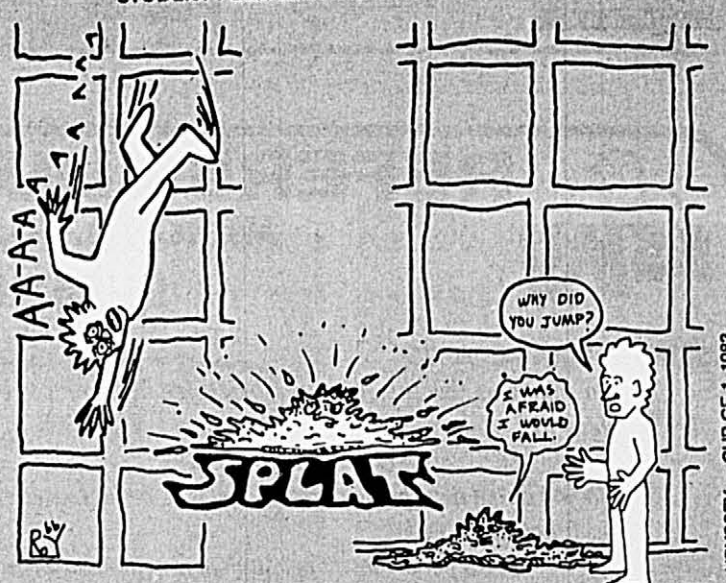
Another tax shelter involves the first \$100 000 made by small businesses as "capital gain". According to government statistics, the tax exemption was close to \$1 billion in 1989.

Saillant says dumping old shoes in Mazankowski's office will "bring the message that he must help poor people and badly housed people." The old shoes will be a contrast to the shiny new ones Mazankowski wears to present each budget.

Five buses will leave Montréal for Ottawa on Feb. 17, and transportation is free. To participate in the protest against cuts to social housing, call 522-1010 to sign up.

FRAPRU is a Montréal-based organization for housing rights. Established in 1978, FRAPRU is affiliated with 40 housing organizations throughout the province of Québec.

STUDENT POLITICIANS DIVE INTO CAMPAIGN



Next year's student politicians...

Nominations for Students' Society executive elections closed last Wednesday, with nineteen folks being nominated for five positions.

Nominations are still open for vp university affairs until this Wednesday, because only one person was nominated. Nominations for all non-executive positions except the science representatives to council are still open.

Nominations for the other executive positions are as follows:

President: Mark Luz, Dan Lazaratos, Belinda Grondin, Jason Prince and Amy Ridley. (Ridley's nomination has been contested because it was handed in after the Wednesday deadline.)

VP Internal: Cornell Wright, Megan Stephens, Edward Saad, Isabell Fieschi and Dan Singleton.

VP External: Mary-Margaret Jones, Alexander Boldizar and Andrew Work.

VP Finance: Paul Johnson, Andre Bruehlmann, Tatiana Glad and Patricia Harewood.

Names of candidates for the

position of vp university affairs will be disclosed once the nomination period closes for that position.

Jennifer Small, Steven Beasley, Isabelle Girard, Brian Hershenfield and Emmanuel Chomski have been nominated for the two science representatives to council positions.

For the two arts reps to McGill's Senate, Rich Latour, Paul Flicker, Stacey Grill, Patrick Perreault, Jennifer Shapiro and Sarah Fower have been nominated.

Bradley Romanek and Rajesh Joshi have been nominated for the engineering rep to Senate, and Chris Wrobel, Anthony Niederhoffer and Stephen McLennan have been nominated for the management rep to Senate.

Jonathan Ablett and John Saunders have been nominated for the SSMU rep to McGill's Board of Governors.

Elections occur March 9, 10 and 11.

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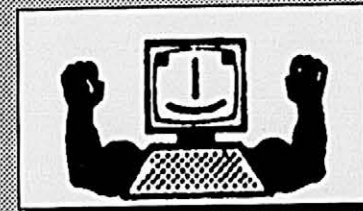
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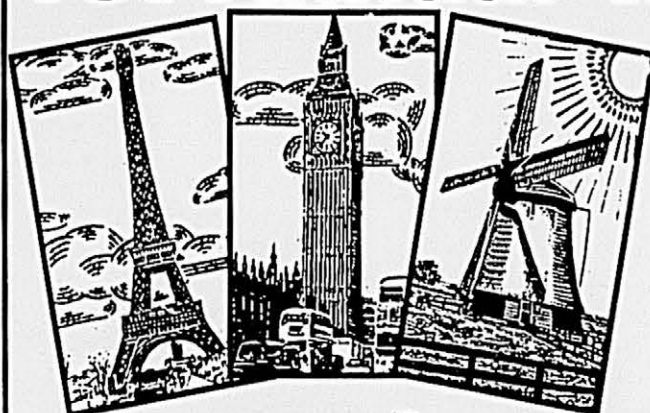
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1. Do you agree that the Students' Society fee be increased by \$0.50 per semester per student for the Walk-Safe Network?
YES NO NO OPINION
2. Do you agree that the Students' Society fee be increased by \$2.50 per semester per student which would be used in the following ways:
\$2.50 per semester per student for the repayment of the Society's debt to McGill University and for the building of reserves.
YES NO NO OPINION
3. Do you agree that the Student Prescription and Accident Insurance Plan fee be eliminated from the Society fee for international students as these students must obtain an equivalent insurance through Student Services? This would result in a separate Students' Society fee for international students.
YES NO NO OPINION

SSMU Student-Initiated:

"The McGill Legal Information Clinic is a student-run service which provides free legal information to McGill students, employees, faculty, and to members of the Montreal community. The Clinic also provides advocates to students facing University disciplinary or grievance proceedings. On average, 3000 to 4000 people are served each year, with priority given to the McGill community. The Clinic is administered by six law student directors and is staffed by over sixty law student volunteers. The Clinic presently receives a fee of \$1.50 per student, per semester.

In 1992 the Clinic's expenses have been permanently increased in three main areas: The University has required the Clinic to incorporate and separate its finances from McGill's; Students' Society has required the Clinic to begin paying for the use of its space in the University Centre; there has been an overall expansion of the services offered by the Clinic.

Do you approve of a \$0.50 per student, per semester increase in the fees paid to the McGill Legal Information Clinic as of September 1, 1993?"

YES NO NO OPINION

AUS Council-Initiated:

Do you approve of the Letter of Agreement between McGill University and the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) and the subsequent incorporation of the AUS as approved by the AUS council?

YES NO NO OPINION

Note: copies of the Letter of Agreement are available at the SSMU desk in the William Shatner Building, Room 105.

"Yes" and "No" committees may now be formed.

Deadline: Friday, February 19, 1993 at 12 p.m. (NOON)

Please submit to CRO c/o SSMU desk

Regina Yang & William Stee, CRO's

DAILY PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY**MARCH 9, 10, 11, 1993****REFERENDUM QUESTION**

The owners of several businesses in the downtown Montréal area have asked to receive The McGill Daily. The Board of Directors of the Daily Publications Society, the publishers of the McGill Daily, have agreed to this in principle, but would like the approval of the Daily Publications Society members.

Do you approve of the distribution of The McGill daily in the off-campus downtown area, with the written permission of the owners/managers of the distribution points?

YES NO NO OPINION

By Bylaw 6, Article 2.1.2.1 of the Daily Publications Society, a meeting will be held on

**Wednesday,
February 17, 1993
at 8 p.m.
in Room 435 of the
William Shatner Building**

to establish a "No" Committee to this question.

**Regina Yang & William Stee,
CRO's**

Palestinians protest deportations

Hunger strike condemns human rights abuses

BY HASAN KARRAR

The Palestinian Solidarity Committee (PSC) held a hunger strike to demonstrate concern for the Israeli government's deportation of 417 Palestinians from the occupied territories.

About 15 students participated in the strike in the Union building which lasted from the from Tuesday to Thursday of last week.

Yousuf Arafat, president of the PSC, was pleased with the success of the strike. "The strike is a peaceful demonstration expressing concern for the 417 deportees," said Arafat.

"Our objective is to symbolize a demand for their return as instructed by the UN resolution. I'm satisfied that we're having a positive impact on the student body."

The General Union of Palestinian Students, a coalition of Palestinian Students from across Canada have been united in condemning the deportation. They have organised demonstrations and a candlelight vigil which was held outside the Union building on the first day of the hunger strike.

The coalition has made a number of demands to the Canadian government which include recalling the Canadian ambassador to Israel and imposing economic sanctions against Israel. They have also demanded an increase in humanitarian aid to the residents of the occupied territories

and a raising of the level of PLO representation in Canada.

The Palestinians were deported from various parts of the occupied territories, including Jerusalem, after six Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories were killed within a few days. The deportees were said to be members and supporters of the terrorist group Hamas who claimed responsibility for the killings.

Farah Nazarali, vp internal of the PSC, said that the students involved in the protest were objecting to the

human rights abuses involved in mass deportation. Nazarali claimed that the issue was not whether the deportees were members of Hamas or not.

"Calling the deportees Hamas terrorists is just an excuse for the expulsion," she said. "The fact is that the deportees have been denied their basic rights."

"The Hamas is just a religious group which is slightly extreme," said Loay Ragheb a Palestinian student participating in the hunger strike. "I can understand where the extrem-

ism comes from. Its very frustrating when you've been living in deplorable conditions, without the basic privileges of health, education and sanitation for years and when you have tried to bring about peace for the past 40 years to no avail. The circumstances would drive anyone crazy," Ragheb added.

The Palestinians were deported on the 17 of December and have since been living in a barren area in Southern Lebanon. Both Israel and Lebanon have refused to allow inter-

national aid agencies to travel across their land.

Arafat said the deportation was in direct contradiction of article 49(1) of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which states: "Individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as as deportation of protected persons from occupied territory to the territory of the occupying power or to that of any other country, occupied or not, are prohibited regardless of their motive."

Confusion surrounding new property tax

BY TROY MCGARRIGLE

Confusion surrounding Montreal's new property tax could cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Problems have arisen over how properties should be classified under the new law, which would determine how much tax a property would be charged.

A new system which came into effect this year, was designed to redistribute the tax burden. However, it is not clear as to how the new tax is to be applied.

Sam Boskey, opposition city councillor for Décarie said that many properties might be misclassified.

"Under one theory, all the bills are right. Under the other theory,



Sam Boskey, city councillor

DAILY PHOTO BY LAUREL HUGHES

there could be hundreds or even thousands of mistakes," said Boskey. "People in the tax department are saying that in certain cases the sur-

tax has been applied incorrectly."

"Opposition in the city council tried to get the administration to say what effect [the surtax] was going to have, but [the tax department] really couldn't tell us very much," said Boskey. "There is at this point a fair bit of confusion."

Potential errors could be difficult for property owners to detect.

Boskey claimed that the tax department is using two different methods to determine a tax bill.

The discrepancy between the two methods is on how the properties should be classified. Each property is categorized to pay a certain percentage of the set tax.

If misclassified, a property's tax bill could be far too high. For example, depending on the method

applied, 20 per cent or 100 per cent of a \$5000 tax would be charged to the property owner. This is a large difference. Boskey suggested the landlords might be forced to increase a tenant's rent to make up the difference.

The surtax category assigned to a property can be appealed until February 18. The following formula was provided by Boskey to do a verification of one's tax bill: Take the "valeur locatif" on last year's business tax bill and multiply by 7. Divide the result by the evaluation of he property. This should fall within 10 per cent of the proportion of the surtax applied. If there is a large difference, there is a reason to appeal.

Bill C-91 and R&D: Does the private sector have a place in universities?

BY ELISABETH UNNA

A controversial law extending patents on new drugs was hastily pushed through the legislative process and officially adopted on February 4.

The highly-publicized debate surrounding Bill C-91 has done little else confuse an already complicated issue — both its opponents and its adherents adamantly cite conflicting figures and arguments in support of their positions.

But an important aspect of C-91 the media often overlooks is the impact it may have on university Research and Development (R&D) and indeed, on the future development and shape of Canadian universities on the whole.

If the brand-name pharmaceutical companies honour their Bill C-91 investment promises (see sidebar), scientific research at underfunded Canadian universities stands to gain considerable financial support.

But is this the kind of investment that our universities need? Corporate involvement in university research could turn universities into direct market participants.

Many programs linking university and industry have been set up across Canada. The Matching Funding Policy, for example, links government funding with that obtained from the corporate sector, mostly benefiting the natural science disciplines.

Applied industrial research, which can lead to the conception of a marketable product, is often given precedence over basic research. In 1990, only 3.1 per cent of total R&D expenditures in Canada by the

pharmaceutical industry was spent on basic research. Biotechnological research especially is fast becoming a commodity with commercial, rather than societal and humanitarian, value.

An article by Howard Buchbinder and Janice Newson, *Corporate-university linkages in Canada: transforming a public institution*, states that university-corporate linkage "transforms the university's role from that of producing for the general society to a function more akin to that of a learned research team."

Funding and control

What does Bill C-91 mean for McGill? The general mood of the scientific community here is optimistic, with certain reservations. Many professors feel that Bill C-91 poses a minimal threat to the integrity of the university's mission.

Professor Capic, vice-chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at McGill, gives qualified support for Bill C-91.

But he says the definition of research used for the purpose of Bill C-91 is too restrictive. The definition should include basic and early phase research, so that these disciplines are not overlooked by corporate investors.

Capic welcomes the possibility of corporate investment provided by Bill C-91. He recognizes however that involvement from the private sector could potentially harm the university if not carefully regulated.

The Bill in brief

Pharmaceutical Bill C-91 ends 24 years of compulsory licensing on the Canadian drug market.

In 1969, Trudeau limited patent protection for brand-name pharmaceutical companies. Thus, smaller generic companies were able to market the drugs at competitive prices, creating a home-grown pharmaceutical industry in Canada.

Under Mulroney, Bill C-22 was passed in 1987, granting brand-name pharmaceutical companies 7 to 10 year protection periods on their patents.

Now Bill C-91, a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement, extends the length of patents monopolies of these brand-name pharmaceutical companies to 20 years. Moreover, it eliminates the compulsory licensing system which guaranteed the licensing of patented drugs to the generic companies. Competition, the most effective means of lowering drug prices, will consequently be minimized.

"The destruction of compulsory

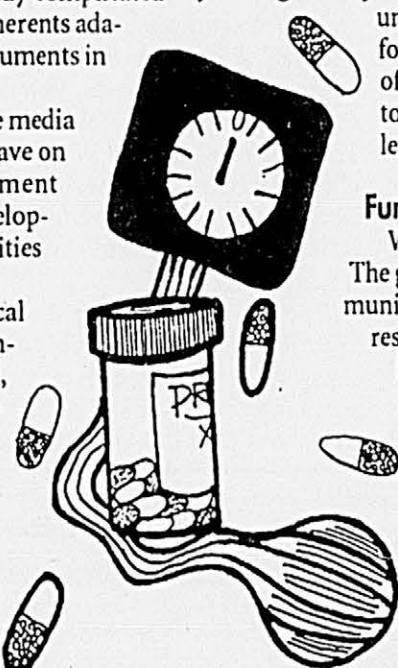
licensing in Canada is the first wedge toward bringing down the universal health care system in Canada," U.S. consumer activist Ralph Nader told the *Globe and Mail*.

Bill C-91 is also retroactive and will render void any compulsory licensing agreement granted after December 20, 1991. This signifies huge losses (over \$100 million) to generic companies who have already begun to modify production in anticipation of the expiration of certain patents.

The greatest opposition to the Bill understandably comes from these generic companies, who lament not only the disastrous effect of the Bill on Canada's growing pharmaceutical industry, but also on the consuming public.

The government estimates the increase in drug costs over the next 5 years at \$129 million, but others, such as the Canadian Drug Manufacturer's Association who project a \$4-7 billion cost to Canadians until the year 2010, calculate a much higher figure.

In order to soften the blow, multinational pharmaceutical companies are promising to invest more than \$1 billion in Research and Development (R&D) in Canada. Supporters of Bill C-91 argue that increased R&D in Canada will reduce health care costs in the long run.



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comment

Big Brother Mulroneu is watching

Employment and immigration minister Benard Valcourt proclaimed his support for an unemployment insurance fraud hot line last Thursday.

But by Friday, he had rescinded his support with the speed of politician who knows he's fucked up real bad.

Flirting with totalitarianism, Valcourt was drawing upon conservative MP Vincent Della Noce's suggestion to eliminate UI abusers.

Obviously, there's a festering financial fury in the ruling party.

Our politicians are furious about soaring UI payouts and welfare rolls. And this UI vendetta is a way of shifting the blame to the jobless.

Earlier in the week 50 000 Québécois displayed their anger in the streets of Montréal — they don't think they should be blamed for Canada's fiscal woes.

These are supposed to be reconcilable differences?

Not easily, judging by the ignoble reform suggestions of the past two weeks.

First, there was Bill C-105, about to be tabled in the House of Commons, which will cut people off from UI who don't have a "just cause" for quitting their jobs.

Then came reports of "unemployment police", an estimated \$12 million operation to chase and eradicate "cases" of unemployment insurance fraud.

The latest scandal in the UI imbroglio is the PC caucus suggestion that we should encourage people to inform on their neighbours and friends who are "abusing" the system in one way or another. *The Globe and Mail* reported on Thursday that Valcourt had given his support to the plan. "I don't think the taxpayers of Canada should be taken for a ride by abusers," he said.

Though the idea for a UI hotline was shortlived, perhaps this portends a Big Brother Mulroneu state. In time for 1994?

Before you and I know it there will be Call-In-Sick-And-You're-Gonna-Get-A-House-Check Police (Sûreté de CISAYGGAHCP for short). We could hire nationwide child upbringing supervisors and regulators, recycling cops and Royal-Canadian-Mounted-Behaviour-Regulating-Enforcers (RCMBRE).

There are those who "dishonestly" fudge the eligibility requirements, or routinely check the "right" boxes (regardless of the "honest" answer) on weekly verification notices sent by UI. Experts have estimated that these people comprise a mere 5 per cent of total UI recipients.

What was the issue again?

Jobs, rational job creation, job retraining and restoration of hope that jobs will be available soon.

Perhaps our politicians should take a breather from their obsession with UI abusers to concentrate on some more pithy issues: duty to the poor, education inadequacies, equal rights, environmentalism.

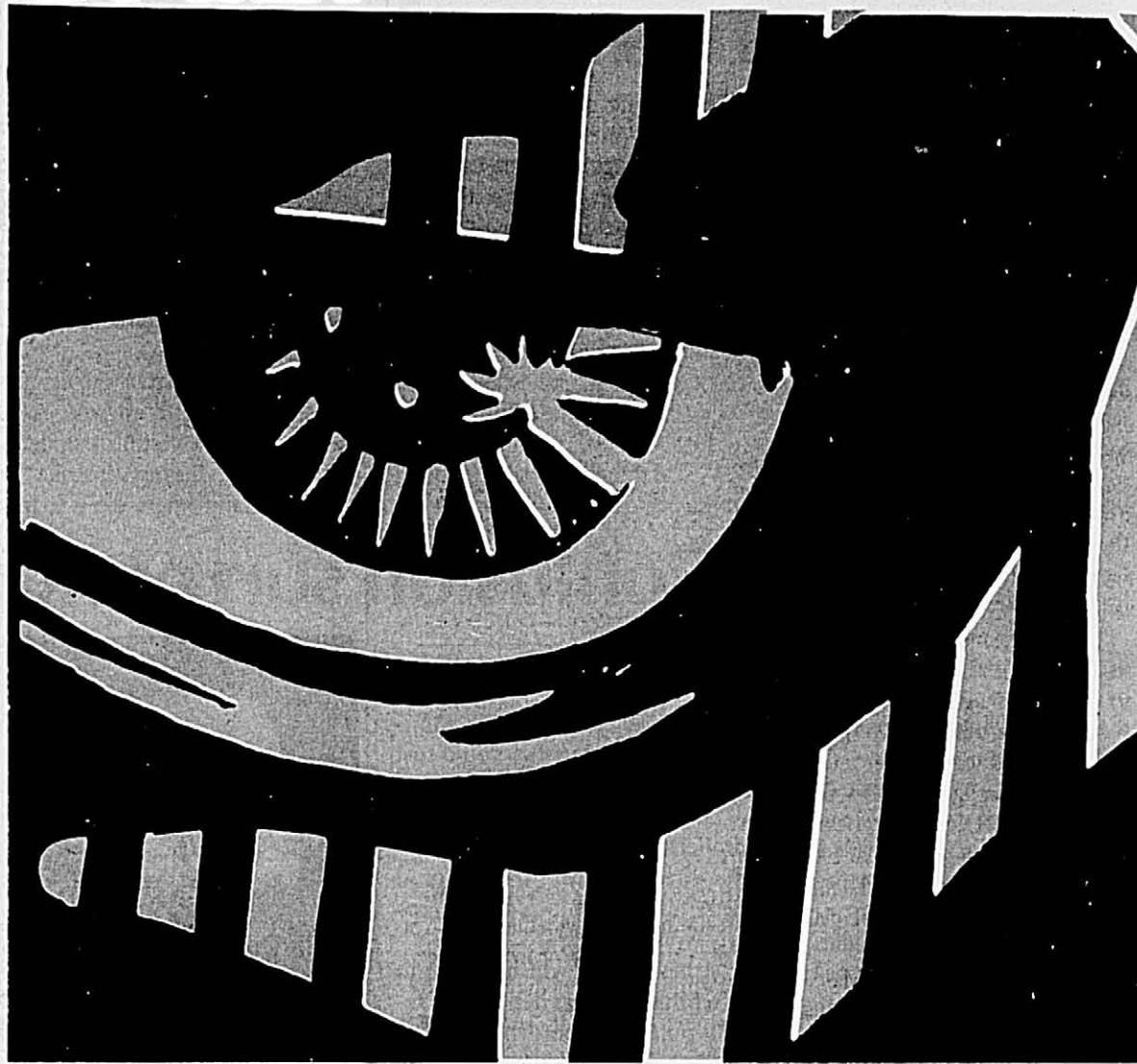
Targeting unemployment insurance "abusers" will only accomplish one thing: making the poorest and least fortunate in our society even more poor and unfortunate.

Kathy Bunka

errata

The byline of "The Mad Mullah of Somaliland" (Monday, February 8) was left off — the article was by Nemo Semret. And it was Col. Corfield, not the Camel Constabulary Corps, which was famous for having quelled anti-colonials in Nigeria. Apologies for the clumsy editing.

"Taylor and Tully denied supervisory rights" (Wednesday, February 10) may have given the false impression that political science professor Elizabeth Gidengil was behind the move to deny the profs rights in the poli sci department. That isn't true, and the *Daily* apologizes for the error.



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Something you can do

Opinion submitted by Kiké Roach

We all know the boys in blue and the black community don't get along so well, but our memories being short and the list of police injustices being long and growing, we tend to forget the details and the particular people who have been attacked by the official boots and billyclubs of racism.

Some of us perish at the hands of police brutality. The rest of us hang our heads for a few seconds of shame, respect, depression (take your pick).

In the face of ongoing discrimination and violence we may feel insidiously indifferent or just plain old powerless. We can't bring Trevor Kelly and all the others back to life. But there IS something you can do, something we can all do to fight this.

We CAN pay attention to the difficulties faced by those of us who survive police custody, who come out with scars and bruises but still alive. We can support those of us who emerge from the equally warped court system with criminal records for crimes we did not commit and fines for which we have no money to pay.

On September 21, 1991, two black

women, Akhaji Worrell, a former McGill student, and Tereska Nurse, a Concordia student, were arrested in a farcical and blatantly racist incident on a city bus in downtown Montréal.

When the women boarded the bus, along with their friend Amuna Baraka, they heard the bus driver make hostile, derogatory comments about blacks. The driver continued staring at Baraka in his rearview mirror, so she stuck her tongue out at him. The driver stopped the bus and called the police.

Ten minutes later 12 police officers arrived at the scene. The officers informed the women that the bus driver said they were causing trouble and told the women to get off the bus. The *Daily* reported that: "When two of the women refused to leave, police forcibly removed them from the bus. Police then arrested Nurse." Worrell was arrested soon after.

The women were charged with mischief, obstructing justice, obstructing a police officer and assaulting a police officer, a charge which was later dropped. Worrell

and Nurse were detained at Station 24 for more than 5 hours. Nurse was further humiliated by a strip-search. The women were released after having to pay a \$400 deposit.

This matter was settled in court just last month. Nurse was ordered to pay a fine of \$375 and Worrell a fine of \$300. Should they fail to pay, a warrant can be issued for their arrest and they can be ordered to serve time in jail.

Regardless of our cultural/racial backgrounds we cannot continue to condone this type of harassment. We have to oppose both the extreme and the "low level" violence that confronts us. Will we force these women to stand in isolation? Or will we remember that we are all interconnected and we need to be each others' bodyguards?

A defense fund has been set up in support of Akhaji and Tereska. Individuals and organizations are asked to donate as much as they can. Contributions in the form of cash or cheques, made payable to the Black Students' Network, can be dropped off at the Students' Society of McGill desk at 3480 McTavish, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1X9.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.



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The Maroons of Jamaica

BLACK HISTORY month

BY MELISSA CAMPBELL

Many Eurocentric accounts of one of the world's most heinous crimes, slavery, have failed to mention the interminable struggles waged by African slaves against their European slave masters. The numerous slave and Maroon rebellions throughout the Americas in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries are a testament to this struggle against colonial masters. They are examples of proud people fighting for freedom and often prevailing.

Perhaps the most famous and successful form of resistance during this era was Maroonage.

Maroonage refers to the escape of thousands of African slaves from their slavemasters throughout the southern United States, Central, and South America and their subsequent establishment of powerful and feared settlements amidst these colonialist regimes.

Some of the most famous Maroon communities were established by leaders believed to have been descendants of African royalty. These communities included the maroons of Mexico under Yanga, Panama's Maroons and their leader Bayano, the Maroons of Venezuela under Miguel and Domingo Bioho's Columbian Maroons.

Jamaican Maroon history provides us with the antithetical model of the image of dominance by Europeans over a subdued and complying African population.

The most famous Maroon communities on the island were the Windwards in the northeast, and the Leewards who inhabited the more mountainous areas near the island's centre. To this day, the descendants of these two groups continue to live in

A relentless struggle for liberation

semi-autonomous settlements on the island.

Legendary heroes and heroines of these communities included Cudjoe, leader of the Leewards, Nanny, powerful and revered spiritual leader of the Windward Maroons, and Cuffee, his skillful and shrewd cohort.

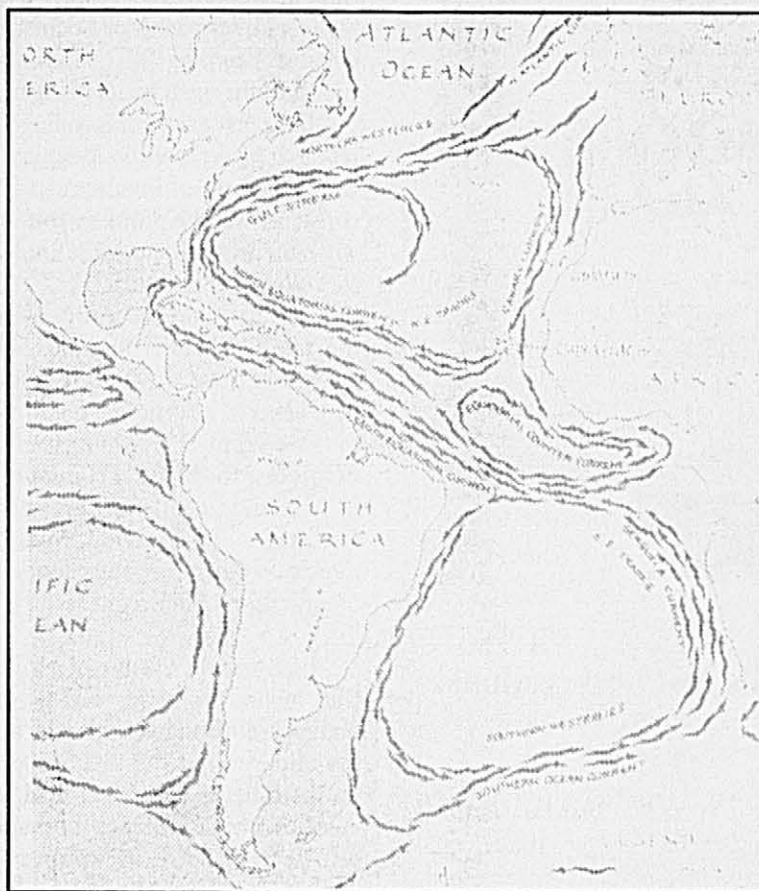
Through the use of guerrilla warfare, specialized ambush techniques and a sophisticated system of military intelligence, the Jamaican Maroons resisted colonialist domination from the British conquest of the island in 1655, until the abolition of slavery in 1833.

In March of 1732, two large European military parties launched a campaign to subdue the Maroons for all time. This began the First Maroon War between British forces and the Windward Maroons, lasting until 1739.

The Maroon community at this time numbered in the thousands, continually increasing with the addition of fugitive slaves. The Maroons proved to be formidable opponents for the British. The guerrilla warfare tactics they employed provided many obstacles and deterrents to the military school trained British regiments.

The Windwards were eventually forced from a major settlement, Nanny Town, after losing a battle to the British in 1735. In an epic march of over a hundred miles, a portion of the Windward Maroons left Nanny Town to join the ranks of the Leewards under the leadership of Cudjoe.

In 1736, the two Maroon communities united. But Cudjoe refused to employ any of the aggressive and offensive movements that his new Windward members supported. To remain with the Leewards, the Windwards were forced to abide by Cudjoe's wishes.



By 1738, the Windwards grew impatient and could no longer wait for Cudjoe's defensive strategy to materialize in aiding them to reclaim their territory. They broke away from the Leewards and returned to Nanny Town to reassert their rights to freedom and land.

This resurgence of resistance by the Maroons devastated the British forces, already faced with numerous slave rebellions on plantations throughout the island. The colonialists feared that this new challenge represented a severe threat to their already precarious hold on the island.

In 1739, the British sued for peace,

and the British governor on the island approached Cudjoe.

The British presented a treaty stipulating three important things: the Maroons had the right to liberty and ownership of lands in the vicinity of their towns, all runaways were to be returned with suitable payment for the Maroon services rendered, and ANY OTHER REBELS, who didn't submit to the same treaty (including the Windwards) would be suppressed or killed.

The possibility of betrayal was a very real one for the Maroons. But Cudjoe thought it was in his group's best interests to sign the treaty. Much to the delight of the British the Ma-

roon leader upheld and enforced all of its clauses.

Many of the Leewards disliked the treaty, and the Windwards would certainly have rejected it, had they been consulted in the matter.

Cudjoe's group joined forces with the British to march to the Windward-occupied areas. Faced with such military force, the Windwards grudgingly signed the treaty, ending the war.

A number of incidents in 1795—the flogging of a Maroon by a British-owned black slave, the dismissal of a well-liked general living in a Maroon community, and the appointment of an unpopular replacement—led to a build-up of tensions culminating in skirmishes between British and Maroon forces.

These tensions, combined with British fears of French infiltration of the island, moved the British to "deport" an entire community of 550 Maroons to Nova Scotia in 1795.

Upon arriving in Nova Scotia, the Maroons were given a choice of remaining on board the prisoner ship or aiding in the construction of a citadel in Halifax. The Maroons chose the latter and because they were seen as co-operative, the British granted them the status of freed people and the right to live in Preston, Nova Scotia.

Faced with a harsh northern climate and land that was often unsuitable for farming, many Maroons were miserable in their new Nova Scotian home. They complained to the British authorities about the horrendous conditions that they confronted in this environment.

In 1800 the British government finally agreed to resettle these Jamaican Maroons in Africa. In that same year these Maroons landed in Freetown, Sierra Leone where their descendants remain today.

Reshaping and redefining African images

BLACK HISTORY month

BY MARIAME KABA

Maryse Conde is a master storyteller. She brings to life the tale of Tituba, a West Indian slave, arrested in 1692 during the Salem Witch trials. Conde seeks to tell the story of a neglected actor in history: Tituba is only mentioned in passing as "Tituba, a slave originating from the West Indies and probably practicing 'hoo-doo'."

Conde writes fiction deeply embedded in historical fact. In this instance, the combination of history and fiction gives us a unique perspective of the events that shaped our world. Through imaginative writing, Conde creates a fictional childhood, adulthood and old age for her protagonist.

Tituba is conceived during a violent rape on a slave ship heading towards Barbados. She grows up in Barbados where she learns about the

I Tituba, Black Witch of Salem by Maryse Conde

African art of healing and the cult of the ancestors.

She is sold by her master and forced to sail to Salem, Massachusetts. In Salem, she is accused of being a witch but survives the ordeal of the trial. She returns to Barbados to live among the maroons and dies a revolutionary.

In Conde's account of Tituba's life, the reader is able to see slave societies as complex and profoundly human as opposed to a collection of victims without emotion or culture.

Conde weaves the idea of positive sorcery throughout the novel. She talks of a spirituality that is deeply rooted in African society and we are introduced to the realm of the "supernatural", devoid of the usual judgement and contempt reserved for such topics.

The author exposes Puritan society as hypocritical and destructive. Because they are confronted with something they cannot understand—traditional African healing—the Pu-

ritans label it as "witchcraft" and therefore evil. Tituba does not embrace Christianity as her religion and is punished for it. She states that in Puritan society "all of us [blacks] were not simply cursed but visible messages of Satan" (p. 65).

Maryse Conde exposes white racism and the African slave trade without making it the sole factor in Tituba's life. She does not, however, absolve African people from their own responsibility in the slave trade. Tituba is told of "African chiefs with whom the shameful deals were made...twelve slaves for a barrel of brandy. They'd sell their own subjects if laws they dare not disobey didn't forbid it" (p. 137).

This is an important point. As black people we must be able to examine the part that some Africans played in the trafficking of our own people without exonerating white Europeans from the criminal role they played in that hideous trade. Any-

thing short of this is a failure to deal with the reality of our history as it exists.

Conde is unique in today's world of fiction in that she candidly explores black people's sexuality in all of its complexity. In prison, Tituba encounters Hester Prynne (the heroine of Hawthorne's *Scarlett Letter*) a self-proclaimed feminist who dreams of a world run by women. Hester Prynne seems to pity Tituba for her love of men and says "You're too fond of love, Tituba! I'll make a feminist out of you yet."

This raises an important point. I believe that this is where Hester Prynne and many modern day feminists fail to tap into the reality of some women's lives. Tituba is profoundly sexual. She loves men and finds pleasure in them.

By embracing her sexuality, she is making a profoundly WOMANIST statement. Enjoying sex and loving men does not make Tituba admire

Hester Prynne any less. She still finds in Hester a soulmate, even a sister.

One of the most important episodes in the novel remains Tituba's life among the maroons of Barbados after she returns from Salem. The Maroons were runaway slaves who formed their own communities and lived independently throughout much of the Caribbean and South America. This is an important but relatively unrecognized part of African people's history.

Once again, I am struck by the way Conde weaves history with fiction. The Maroons symbolize something that has been very elusive for African people the world over: Freedom. However, as one of the protagonists aptly puts it: "You talk about Freedom. Have you any idea what it means?"

This question posed in the novel is an important one to black people as a whole. Conde reminds us that it is a question that we must confront openly and honestly if we are to ensure our survival as a people and secure a future for our children.

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Bill C-91 and R&D

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Says Capic: "Each and every project that is funded by a corporation should be supportive of the mission of McGill University, which is the advancement of knowledge. If not, it will skew the image and the role of McGill in society."

Economics professor Soderstrom says that the debate concerning Bill C-91's impact on McGill is two-pronged, the main issues being funding and control.

"If the private sector is willing to provide money for research projects without demanding major control, then this form of involvement is very positive, very constructive. The problem you inevitably run into is when the private sector gives funding and expects some sort of control in return."

Soderstrom speaks from experience. In a letter to the *McGill Reporter* in 1990, Soderstrom and 3 colleagues draw attention to a situation in which they believed a corporate donor was receiving far too much control in shaping the funded project — in this case the McGill Economics Centre.

According to Bitten Stripp, associate dean of Graduate Studies and Research, McGill research depends mostly on federal granting councils and on volunteer organizations. The private sector is at the bottom of the list.

"Last year the Faculty of Medicine received about \$5.8 million from the private sector, out of a total budget of \$90 million. This is by and large reflective of the whole university," says Stripp.

She believes that the critical issue of Bill C-91 is exactly how much money the major companies which benefit from Bill C-91 will provide for "really new knowledge". They tend to fund, she says, primary clinical trials, where a drug is in the last phase of research before being released onto the market.

"This type of research has limited intellectual value and contradicts McGill's mission," she says.

This is not true, however, of all university-industry linkages. "One recommendation is that the companies make available \$300 million over 5 years, to be channeled through the Medical Research Council (a government council which funds unrestricted research)."

Another possibility approved by Stripp is referred to as "minimally restrictive arrangements". Here, the company would retain certain rights over potential products generated by university projects, but would not control the direction or the conditions of the research.



Marketable research

University environments are changing. While corporate investment is vital to under-funded universities, negative aspects of corporate involvement do exist.

The focus on product-oriented research lessens the importance of teaching. Temporary academic staff often replace professors who are involved in applied research. Graduate students may also not be encouraged to explore possible negative aspects of a marketable product.

Thus, the need to produce marketable goods "may actually impede scientific progress and limit the societal benefits of science... The goal of financially profiting from research discoveries can create an atmosphere in which researchers become competitors trying to beat each other to a jackpot rather than being cooperatively engaged in the search for new knowledge," write Buchbinder and Newson.

Bill C-91 could potentially exacerbate this situation at Canadian universities in their search for solutions to financial difficulties.

In order for Canadian universities to maintain their autonomy as knowledge-generating institutions for universal benefit, relations with the private sector must be carefully considered.

Says Stripp, "We must be very realistic about Bill C-91. We have to be on guard and not accept everything that comes our way."

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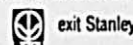
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